

May 24, 2026



The Divine Liturgy

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Commemoration:

Fathers of the First Council; Symeon the Stylite of the Mountain;
Saint Vincent of Lerins; Meletios the Commander and his Companion Martyrs;
Gregory, Archbishop of Novgorod.

Morning Gospel: John 21:1-14..... Tone: Plagal Second

VARIABLE HYMNS AND READINGS IN THE LITURGY

At the Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who ascended from us to heaven in glory, we sing to you: Alleluia!

At the Small Entrance

Hymn of the Ascension, *Fourth Tone*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened your disciples
by your promise of the Holy Spirit. And your blessing confirmed their belief that
you are indeed God's Son, the Redeemer of the world.

Hymn of Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Resurrection Hymn, *Second Tone*

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as
dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body.
But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin
and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

Repeat the *Resurrection Hymn*, above

Hymn of the Holy Fathers, *Plagal Fourth Tone*

Unending glory be yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers
radiant lights to all the world. Through them you led us to the true faith.

Compassionate Savior, glory to you.

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, *First Tone*

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity, O Theotokos; in falling asleep you
did not forsake the world. You passed over into life, O Mother of Life; and
by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, (Greek)

Ἐν τῇ γενήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες,
En ti gennisi tin parthenian efilaxas en ti kimisi ton kosmon u katelipes,

Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhusa tis zois, ke tes presvies

ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.
tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psihas imon.

Kontakion of the Ascension, *Plagal Second Tone*

When you had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled your plan of redemption, you ascended in glory, O Christ our God, while remaining in our midst. For you assured us who love you that no one can prevail against us since you yourself are with us.

Epistle..... **Acts 20:16-18, 28-36**

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel..... **John 17:1-13**

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came

from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

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The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.

Instead of “We Have Seen the Light,” we chant the Hymn of the Ascension on page 1 of this leaflet.

Today

Prosforo is provided by **Ruta Kubits** and **Yana Patridge**.

Memorial Prayers today are offered for:

Efstratia Bakritges (40 days); **Ken**, father of Giulia Chatfield (2 years);
Reverend Father John Ketchum (40 days)

** Fr. Ketchum served Kimissis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Racine, Wisconsin for many years as well as Secretary, then President of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos. He was a representative of the Metropolis of Chicago on the Archdiocese Presbyter’s Council and served on the Metropolis Council from 2008 to 2018. In addition, he was a board member of the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Brighton, Wisconsin, from 2012 to 2019.*

The coffee hour today is hosted by
the Hellenic Post 129 American Legion and Auxiliary
in observance of Memorial Day.



Welcome Visitors and Guests!

After Liturgy this morning, stop by the welcome and information table located between the Bookstore and Great Hall. A couple parishioners are there to welcome you and answer your questions about St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox faith. Join us in the Great Hall for a cup of coffee and always enjoyable refreshments.



Prayer Ministry

Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:

All victims of wars throughout the world; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially Jassir Conway; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Sophia and the students, staff, and parents of Annunciation Church and School; Ivan, Dan, Greg, Matthew, Judy, Bettsy, Mr. Berscheit; Juliana, Beth, Mia, Deb, Dean, Tia, Margaret, Kathie, Owen, Missy, Anthony, Julie, Ann, Jim, Maria, Joan, Jason, Janet (Dimitra), Andrew and Mari, Constantine James, Lauren, Anna, Kathleen Wendland and Julie Alvin, Gabriel, Linda, John and Johnny, Anastasia, Diane, Nicki, George, Billie, Nino, Kate, Elena, Mechelle, Elaine, Vonda, Andrew, Susan, Elias, Imogene, Becky, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Fran, Jim, Kathryn, Tom, Gina M., Elly K., Thomas, Panos, Connie, Sylvia, Pete, Steve A., Athena, Betty, Mark, Kostantinos & Georgia, Andreas, Jonathan, Jeanette, Mary, Marilyn, Donna, Dawn, Don, Nancy, Brad, Vangie, Jolene, Mikey, Aphrodite, James, Peter, Lyda, Michael, Jaclyn Jereczek, Dena, Chris, Nick, John, Eugenia, Ron, Matt, Laura, Constance, Marina, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, Charlie, Helena, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Noel, Stephen, Ray, Christina, Joanne, Charlie, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Donnarae, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Irene Maria, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, Karrisa, Corina, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Lynn, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Pat, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Rick, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Vicki, Diana, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Amy, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Toni, Gina, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

Food Shelf Needs for May 31



Coffee and Tea

May's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf

Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, May 24: Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12:00 noon (approximately) – Cemetery Service, *Lakewood Cemetery, St. Mary's section*

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day

Church and Office closed

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, May 28

10:00 a.m. – Baklava Assembly, *Kitchen*

Saturday, May 30

8:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, *Patty Christopulos' home*

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 31: Holy Pentecost

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

after Liturgy – Hope for Our Neighbors Food Packing, *Great Hall*

after Liturgy – Church School Teachers' Recognition Lunch, *Terrace Room*

5:00 p.m. – Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost

Philoptochos News



*Scan to
Sign Up*

2026 Taste of Greece

Let the Baking Continue!

In May and June, we are stocking the freezer with cookies and pastries for the 2026 Taste of Greece Bake Sale! Co-chairs Paulette Hastings, Tina Menter and Photine Saar have been making plans along with the cookie captains. Up next, we have:

Baklava:

- Thursday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
(assembly - bring a saucepan and pastry brush)
- Monday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
(assembly - bring a saucepan and pastry brush)
- Wednesday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
(cut, clove, and syrup - Bring a sharp knife)
- Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (if needed)

No experience necessary - we provide on the job training. Please come for an hour or two (or more) and bring a friend as many hands lighten the load. You can sign up here (scan the QR code or use this URL: <https://bit.ly/4csN1SZ>) or at the Philoptochos table on Sundays. Thank you for volunteering!

2026 RESTORATION PROJECT
CAMPAIGN UPDATE

FOR THE
DOME



\$144,000
still needed

\$856,000
in commitments

TARGETED GOAL: \$1M

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a contribution to the building improvements project. We have received **\$856,000** in commitments towards our goal of raising **\$1M**. In order for us to begin the dome restoration project this spring, we need to secure a remainder of **\$144,000**. We invite every member of our community to join this sacred effort through *prayer, participation, and giving*. Please prayerfully consider *if* and *what* you can donate to help restore this blessed and treasured landmark.

Questions? Reach out to Nick Santrizos at: nsantrizos@gmail.com



Electronic payment donations can be made by scanning the code.

All contributions for this project will be placed into the Saint Mary's Capital Improvements Reserve.

www.stmarysgoc.org/For-The-Dome



Lost and Found

Today is the final day to claim any items that you may have left at the church over the past winter months! Please reclaim lost winter clothing and other items left around the building in the coat area in the hallway leading to the office. Please look over the items and take what is yours. Items not claimed today will be given to an outreach agency or discarded.



Greek Dance Practices to Resume

Greek dance practices will resume on **Monday, June 1**, and continue through the summer months until our Greek Festival in September. We will be practicing dances for the performances at the Festival. All St. Mary's youth, ages 6 to 18 years, are welcome to join. All veteran dancers (18+) are welcome to help with dance instruction. For further details and to register, please contact Tessie Bourdamis (tbourdamis@comcast.net) by Sunday, May 24.



Children's Greek Dance Practices

Greek Dance registration for Sunday dance groups is now open. Sunday practices will begin on July 12 and will conclude with our Festival performances. We are offering two groups: children ages 4–6 and ages 7–9. Please register by completing the *Google Doc Response Form* by scanning the code or by contacting Lea at angelea.hoeft@gmail.com



“Sometimes God allows our eyes not to see our mistakes, and our heart to be stone, because otherwise, the devil can cast us out into despair. A person should refer to his sinfulness with reasoning. Repentance that has soul torment and despair is not from God, this is the work of the devil. A person should be attentive because the devil by catching him “on the right”—on repentance, can throw him “on the left”—on sadness and despair. The devil wants to break a person—mentally and bodily—and bring him into despair. That is, he brings another distress—full of emotional anxiety, in order to distress a person with this distress. For example, the devil can tell a person: “You are such a great sinner that you will not be saved.” Pretending to care about the soul of a person, the devil plunges him into spiritual anxiety and despair! So why let the devil do whatever he wants? When the devil says to you: “You are a sinner,” answer him: “Well, what’s this got to do with you? I’ll say that I’m a sinner when I want it myself, and not when you want it.”

— *Saint Paisios the Athonite*

Quick Links

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To join our mailing list or update your contact information, scan the code.

Digital Donation



To make a donation or stewardship offering, scan the code.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
II Corinthians 4:6-15 • Matthew 11:2-15

Tuesday, May 26
Acts 21:26-32 • John 16:2-13

Wednesday, May 27
Acts 23:1-11 • John 16:15-23

Thursday, May 28
Acts 25:13-19 • John 16:23-33

Friday, May 29
Acts 27:1-44; 28:1 • John 17:18-26

Saturday, May 30: Saturday of Souls
I Thessalonians 4:13-17 • John 21:14-25

Sunday, May 31: Holy Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11 • John 7:37-52; 8:12



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Bring Hope to Our Neighbors *Spring & Summer Season*



BRING in JUNE

SIMPSON FOOD PANTRY

Check the weekly bulletin to see what food items to bring each week!



JOYCE UPTOWN FOOD SHELF

- *Toothbrushes & Toothpaste*
- *Diapers & Wipes*

PACK each Month

After Divine Liturgy to support our partners addressing food insecurity.



- *Sunday, May 31st — for FOCUS*
- *Sunday, June 28th*
- *Sunday, July 26th*

Join us next Sunday, May 31, after the Divine Liturgy for the ***Hope for Our Neighbors Food Packing*** in the Great Hall! A beautiful event to celebrate the feast of Holy Pentecost and help support FOCUS Minnesota.

CONNECT each Month



Sign up to deliver Food Packs to our local partners.

Together we can continue to bring HOPE to our neighbors with ACTION.



Saint Mary's Vacation Church School

EXPLORE
**GOD'S
PROMISES**
IN THE
GREAT NORTH



JUNE 15-19, 2026

Register today and Get ready for a great adventure!

Vacation Church School is open to children, age 5 to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Five days of music, worship, activities, snacks, and games. Scan the code to register your child. **Registration closes next Sunday, May 31 (or sooner if we are at capacity).**

